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SUBJ: VISIT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, PAPAL INAUGURAL CEREMONY-
UNOFFICIAL ACTIVITIES IN ROME

1. WHEN NOT ENGAGED IN OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES,
MEMBERS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY WILL FIND THAT ROME,
DESPITE THE RECENT POLITICAL VIOLENCE WHICH HAS GAINED
WORLDWIDE ATTENTION, IS A CITY WHICH HAS RETAINED THE CHARM
AND BEAUTY WHICH DRAW MILLIONS OF TOURISTS ANNUALLY.
2. THE POLITICAL VIOLENCE WHICH THE RED BRIGADES AND OTHER
GROUPS HAVE MADE A PART OF ITALIAN LIFE JUSTIFIES
THE THOROUGH PROTECTIVE SECURITY MEASURES BEING PLANNED
FOR OFFICIAL EVENTS. FOR THE NON-OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES
OF MEMBERS OF THE TRAVELING PARTY, THE EMBASSY DOES NOT
PERCEIVE ANY TERRORIST THREAT. DURING FREE TIME
MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WILL BE INDISTINGUISHABLE
FROM THE THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN TOURISTS PRESENT IN
ROME. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO AMERICAN TOURIST HAS EVER
BEEN THE TARGET OF A TERRORIST ATTACK OR THREAT.
3. ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THEFTS
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AND PURSE-SNATCHINGS ARE VERY FREQUENT OCCURENCES IN
ROME, AND SHOULD TAKE SUITABLE PRECAUTIONS. THESE
INCLUDE LOCKING VALUABLES IN THE HOTAL SAFE AND NOT
CARRYING PASSPORTS OR LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH. LADIES SHOULD
CARRY THEIR PURSES, PREFERABLY SHOULDER BAGS, ON THE
SIDE AWAY FROM THE STREET. HOTEL ROOMS SHOULD BE LOCKED.
WITH THESE SENSIBLE PRECAUTIONS, THE ROME STAY SHOULD BE

A PLEASANT AND MEMORABLE ONE FOR ALL VISITORS. HOLMES

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